

PARISH OF THE HOLY REDEEMER DUNDALK

8TH JANUARY 2023

The Baptism of The Lord A Parish in the 'Dun Dealgan' Pastoral Area





Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

<u>ST PATRICK'S SOUP KITCHEN/FOOD PARCELS</u> would like to thank the Parishioners of Holy Redeemer for their generosity towards their annual Church gate collection.

<u>DUNDALK SIMON COMMUNITY</u> would also like to thank the Parishioners of Holy Redeemer for their generosity towards their recent annual Church gate collection.

<u>A SECOND COLLECTION</u> will be taken up at all Masses this weekend to build up parish funds for future maintenance.

<u>CHRISTMAS DUES 2022</u> Are currently being collected. These dues are for the upkeep of the priests who serve this parish. We are grateful to all the dues collectors for their work and the generous support of the parishioners.

2023 PARISH CALENDARS are available at the back of the Church. Please feel free to help yourselves. If you have a neighbour, friend or family member who would like one, please take one for them.



ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a <u>Free</u> ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition. There are spaces available on our January Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

PRIESTS IN PARISH V Rev Mark O'Hagan Adm. Rev Maciej Zacharek CC Rev Stephen Wilson CC. Rev Peter Hassan CC Tel: 042 933 4259



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10am-1pm. 2pm-4pm.
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COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT:

"Conscious of our brokenness and moved by the Spirit of Compassion, we the Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council, strive to be messengers of God's healing and love in today's world and to encourage and support all parishioners to bear witness to the Gospel of Christ."

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BAPTISMS Are being conducted fortnightly at 12:00 noon on a Saturday and at 12:30pm on a Sunday (these times may change if a funeral is taking place). Call to the parish office to arrange a day and time for the Baptism. Please give at least one months' notice.



<u>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</u> Takes place in our Church, Tuesdays 10.30 am to 4.00 pm and every first Friday of the month 10.30am to 4.00 pm. All are welcome to spend time with the Lord



<u>LITTLE FLOWER PRAYER GROUP</u> meeting takes place in our Church each Wednesday at 11.00am. All are welcome to come along and join with the group in prayer.

ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE, Dublin direct to Mostar – Medjugorje (return via Split) Departing from Dundalk on Wednesday 21st - 28th June 2023. Early booking discount of €50 per person for all deposits of €100 received before 31st January 2023. Price €775 pps including transport to the airport . 7nights half board Spiritual director Fr Paul Montague.

For more information on joining the group please contact Thomas on 0863597737.

MASS CARDS/BOUQUETS are always available in the Parochial House or in the Sacristy in the Church.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS POLICY STATEMENT

The parish recognises and upholds the rights of all children and vulnerable adults and is committed to ensuring their safety and wellbeing at all times. A copy of the policy is always available for those who wish to view it in the parish office or the Sacristy.

